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SUBJ: FAO TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAM

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1. FAO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR BURMA IN 1976
AMOUNTED TO \$124,000. THIS SUM WAS ALLOCATED FOR EMERGENCY
ASSISTANCE FOR FLOOD AFFECTED AREAS IN BURMA AND WAS LARGELY
TAKEN UP BY RELIEF SUPPLIES FOR FARM FAMILIES IN THE MOST
SERIOUSLY AFFECTED AREAS. UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE
WAS FULLY INFORMED ABOUT THE PROJECT, AND HE BELIEVES IT
PROVIDED NECESSARY EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR SOME FARM FAMILIES.
GUB AGRICULTURAL OFFICIALS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE
SUPPLIES, BUT VOICED THE OPINION THAT THE AMOUNT WAS TOO
LITTLE TO BE FULLY EFFECTIVE. NEVERTHELESS, THE EMBASSY
QUESTIONS THE WISDOM OF THE PROGRAM. THE IRRAWADDY RIVER
AND ITS TRIBUTARIES OVERFLOW THEIR BANKS EVERY YEAR DURING
THE MONSOON SEASON. IN SOME YEARS THIS FLOODING SERIOUSLY
AFFECTS THE CROPS AND HOMES OF MANY RURAL INHABITANTS
ALONG THE RIVER WHO ARE NOT NORMALLY FLOODED OUT
DURING THE MONSOON. LAST YEAR, HOWEVER, FLOODING
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WAS NO WORSE THAN NORMAL. IT AFFECTED ONLY THOSE
PEOPLE WHO MOVE INTO THE FLOOD PLAIN DURING THE
DRY SEASON TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE RICH ALLUVIAL
SOIL DEPOSITED BY THE RIVER WHEN IT IS IN FLOOD
STAGE. THIS HAS BEEN A TRADITIONAL WAY OF LIFE
FOR THESE PEOPLE FOR COUNTLESS GENERATIONS. THERE
WAS NOTHING IN CONNECTION WITH LAST YEAR'S FLOODS

THAT CREATED AN ABNORMAL, EMERGENCY SITUATION. HENCE, WITH THE PRECEDENT SET LAST YEAR, THIS COULD BECOME A PERENNIAL RELIEF PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WHO ARE MERELY FOLLOWING THEIR TRADITIONAL WAY OF LIFE. IT COULD ALSO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO TAKE UP THIS WAY OF LIFE IN THE HOPE OF OBTAINING SOME RELIEF SUPPLIES. ADMITTEDLY, THE AMOUNT INVOLVED IS VERY SMALL, TOO SMALL TO BE OF ANY EFFECTIVE HELP IN THE CASE OF REALLY SERIOUS FLOOD CONDITIONS, YET LARGE ENOUGH UNDER BURMESE CIRCUMSTANCES TO ENCOURAGE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF FRAUD IN OBTAINING RELIEF SUPPLIES. IT WOULD SEEM MORE APPROPRIATE TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ONLY IN THOSE ABNORMAL YEARS WHEN FLOOD CONDITIONS ARE SUCH THAT FARMERS RESIDING IN AREAS NOT NORMALLY UNDER WATER ARE AFFECTED.

2. THE UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE SAID THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE PIPELINE FOR BURMA UNDER TCP FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, BUT HE UNDERSTOOD RELIEF ASSISTANCE COULD BE GRANTED ON AN AD HOC BASIS TO MEET EMERGENCY CONDITIONS . IF LAST YEAR'S CRITERIA FOR "EMERGENCY CONDITIONS" ARE APPLIED, THE EMBASSY CAN CONFIDENTLY PREDICT THAT AN "EMERGENCY" WILL OCCUR AGAIN THIS YEAR.
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